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Dr. M.C. Winternitz
The Jane Coffin Childs Memorial Fund For Medical Research
333 Cedar Street
New Haven 11, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Winternitz:

My ~~owe~~ thanks to you and the board of trustees for your cordial telegram.

The occasion gives me a welcome opportunity to express my appreciation to the fund for its support at a critical junction in my career. I am especially appreciative that this support came at a time when fellowship funds were generally distributed in a far less enlightened fashion than is now the case. I am especially appreciative of having shared this honor with my former teacher and colleague, Professor Tatum.

You may wish to add to your files the information that I am leaving about February 1, to take a position as head of a new genetics department at the Stanford University Medical School. I am looking forward there to an even more intensive experimental program in biochemical genetics of bacteria and in the genetics of tissue cells, especially in association with Professor Arthur Kornberg and his colleagues in the department of biochemistry.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Medical Genetics

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